

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 48

2 **46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO FILM DIVISION OF THE ECONOMIC  
12 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO EXAMINE THE BARRIERS TO FILM  
13 PRODUCTION, INCLUDING THE DESIGNATION OF LIMITED AREAS OF NEW  
14 MEXICO AS PRODUCTION CENTERS IN WHICH PER DIEM PAYMENTS TO  
15 WORKERS ARE NOT REQUIRED.

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17 WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico has made great strides in  
18 encouraging producers of films and motion pictures to shoot  
19 their productions within our borders, using the state's  
20 magnificent vistas as their backdrops and hard-working New  
21 Mexicans as production workers; and

22 WHEREAS, the state offers a variety of tax incentives and  
23 financing packages for film and motion picture producers in an  
24 effort to draw that clean industry and its good jobs to the  
25 state; and

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1           WHEREAS, through those tax incentives and financing  
2 packages, all New Mexicans indirectly contribute to the effort  
3 to attract those productions; but, due to several factors,  
4 including a limited number of trained production workers and  
5 provisions in the standard contract with production workers,  
6 not all New Mexicans benefit from the production of films and  
7 motion pictures in this state; and

8           WHEREAS, those contract provisions include requirements  
9 that producers pay per diem and other costs to production  
10 workers when filming takes place outside of the Albuquerque-  
11 Santa Fe area; and

12           WHEREAS, while the standard contract similarly requires  
13 per diem and other payments when producers film outside one or  
14 two areas in other states, New Mexico is unique because state,  
15 not local, incentives apply to film producers; and

16           WHEREAS, the requirement in the standard contract between  
17 the motion picture industry and the international alliance of  
18 theatrical stage employees has the effect of discouraging  
19 producers from filming in other parts of New Mexico, which in  
20 turn limits the favorable economic effects of such productions  
21 to the Albuquerque-Santa Fe area;

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico film division of the  
24 economic development department be requested to examine all  
25 barriers to film productions throughout New Mexico and report

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1 its findings and recommendations, if any, to the governor and  
2 the appropriate interim committee of the legislature by October  
3 1, 2004; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the New Mexico film division and local 480 of  
6 the international alliance of theatrical stage employees.

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